

Sirs,

Why do we have a constitutional cap on spending, if it is not adhered to?? It's there for a reason; the people who legislated it were aware that no cap is ever high enough; no tax is ever removed, just raised. The income tax was temporary. The gaming tax was for education. The gas tax was for our roads and bridges. NOPE, THEY'RE ALL TO FUND THE GENERAL FUND!! SURPRISE, it's never enough!

We pay the highest taxes of any state that I know of. My income tax this year, because I turned 71 1/2 and had to withdraw from my IRA, is outrageous!! There are no fair deductions, including my health costs which are now substantial. Municipal bonds which I bought because I thought they were tax free, are taxed because they aren't Connecticut based! I am allowed a \$250 deduction for the \$5,873 that I pay in real estate tax. No wonder people can't afford to live in Conn! If this governor could tax the air I breathe, he would, and then again when I exhale!!!

And the people closest to the governor got huge raises! I am retired, I pay my own medical insurance while these same cronies get medical ins for free when they retire. Cut the waste and start with the Dept of Social Services employees who lined up during working hours to get phony hurricane Sandy for assistance for their make-believe families. And, STOP CAUSING HOSPITALS TO FAIL by cutting their reimbursement funds and taxing them.

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